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I feel the settlement amounts to a slap on the wrist for Micro\$oft. Now Micro\$oft is back to thier arrogant ways because they know that with a Republican in the Whitehouse they can get away with anything. After all Micro\$oft gave them enough money to make the difference. I don t mind Micro\$oft being the leader in areas that they have better technology but they have used thier advantage in those areas (Desktop basically) to stifle competition in other areas where there products were/are inferior (Directory Services Word Processing Enterprise Servers). Micro\$oft has done some good things but in just about every occasion some other company did it first and Micro\$oft merely ripped off thier technology. Thier licencing fees for software are a joke. When people get educated and realize they don t need to pay hundreds of dollars to have the lattest office software and don t need all the bells and whistles for most things they do Micro\$oft will suffer. This is especially true in homes with more than one pc. People spend the majority of thier time either cruising the net or reading email. Why buy a new pc with the latest Micro\$oft software to do this? Those who do are either foolish ignorant or both.